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SUBJECT: RUPEE GRANTS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF

REFTELS A: STATE 162713 OF JUNE 20, 1981  
B, ISLAMABAD 9923

1. AS INDICATED REF A (WHICH IS BEING REPEATED TO ISLAMABAD), WE INTEND TO USE RS 26,730,000 (\$2.7 MILLION EQUIVALENT) FOR GRANT TO UNHCR. THIS WOULD RAISE THE TOTAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR IN FY81 TO \$32.7 MILLION OF ONE-THIRD OF THE ORGANIZATION'S OVERALL PROGRAM BUDGET FOR CY 1981.

2. WE HAVE PLANNED TO USE THE REMAINING RS 20,790,000 (\$2.1 MILLION EQUIVALENT) FOR ACTIVITIES OF VOLUNTARY  
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OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES/PAKISTAN RED CRESCENT. FOLLOWING FYI IS UPDATE ON REF A STATUS REPORT CONCERNING VOLAG PROPOSALS:

A. CRS PROPOSAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF TENTS - COST RS 7 MILLION (\$707,000 EQUIVALENT) - APPEARS GOOD CANDIDATE

FOR FUNDING; WOULD WELCOME ANY OBSERVATIONS FROM EMBASSY;

B. CRS/INTER-AID PLAN FOR DELIVERY OF BLANKETS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES - NO FURTHER INFORMATION;

C. SALVATION ARMY - STILL TRYING TO ASCERTAIN HOW TO TAILOR 1980 MOBILE HEALTH UNIT PROPOSAL TO WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND IS NEW UNHCR EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC HEALTH. SA FIELD COMMISSIONER HOLLAND IN LAHORE IS REPORTEDLY PLANNING TO COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY TO SEEK VIEWS ON SOME PROJECT IDEAS.

D. CARE - REF. LYNCH IS IN PAKISTAN AT PRESENT. CARE INDICATES POSSIBLE NEED FOR AGRICULTURALLY BASED PROJECTS TO BENEFIT DISPLACED PAKISTANIS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THESE MAY NOT RPT NOT FALL WITHIN USRP RANGE, BUT CARE TO BE IN CONTACT IF RESULTING PROPOSALS APPROPRIATE FOR USRP FUNDING.

E. IRC - HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAM EXPANDING ONGOING ACTIVITIES, WITH REQUEST FOR \$410,000 USG SUPPORT. HE GAVE COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL TO AID PHYSICIAN, DR. CONNIE DAVIS, EARLIER THIS MONTH FOR REVIEW AT POST. HE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED TO IRC THAT THEY ADD A TRAINING COMPONENT TO PROPOSAL. WOULD WELCOME POST'S VIEWS ON THIS PLAN, WHICH BASICALLY APPEARS QUITE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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SOUND.

3. IN COMING UP WITH OVERALL PACKAGE ALLOCATING FUNDS, WE ARE MINDFUL OF POINT WHICH ALEX RATTRAY REINFORCED DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS HERE REGARDING IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR LICROSS/RED CRESCENT. WE HAVE RECEIVED LICROSS PROVISIONAL BUDGET FOR 8.1 MILLION SWISS FRANCS TO FUND PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF ITEMS (CLOTHING AND COOKING UTENSILS) IN REFUGEE CAMPS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, NEED LICROSS APPEAL OR PROPOSAL

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AGAINST WHICH TO MAKE A GRANT. HE WILL ALSO NEED LICROSS REPORT ON USE OF 1980 GRANT WHICH HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS.

4. ASSUMING FULL FUNDING FOR IRC AND CRS PROJECTS PLUS RS 4,950,000 FOR (8000 THOUSAND EQUIVALENT) FOR LICROSS, \$483 THOUSAND EQUIVALENT WOULD REMAIN FOR CARE, CWS/INTER-AID AND SA.

4. WITH RESPECT TO GOP CLEARANCE, REF A AUTHORIZED EMBASSY TO REQUEST GOP APPROVAL FOR USE OF RUPEES, SPECIFYING INTENDED APPORTIONMENT BETWEEN UNHCR AND VOLAGS. SUCH A GENERAL CLEARANCE SHOULD SUFFICE TO COVER INDIVIDUAL AGENCY PROJECTS NOTED ABOVE. HE JOIN

IN HOPE THAT GOP WILL CLEAR ON UTILIZATION OF RUPEES WELL BEFORE END OF FISCAL YEAR. AN EARLY APPROVAL WILL PERMIT VOLAGS WHICH HAVE SUBMITTED FUNDABLE PROJECTS TO FIRM UP THEIR PLANS AND WILL ALSO ENABLE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE MORE ORDERLY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAWING UP CONTRACTS AND GRANT AGREEMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, APPROVAL MUST BE RECEIVED IN TIME FOR DEPT TO EXECUTE GRANTS WITH VOLAGS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS AND PLEASE ALSO LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING FURTHER WE CAN DO TO ASSIST. (RP/ENE: 0485C). STOESEL

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